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BOOK REVIEWS



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THE LAPIDARIES, AND AUNT DEBORAH HEARS "THE MESSIAH." By Mrs. Elizabeth Cheney. New York: Eaton & Mains. Cincinnati: Jennings & Graham.

One of the little booklets that appears for a short season at Christmastime and then disappears like a modest flower that blooms at its appointed time and then withdraws from sight—these two little tales bound in one cover have their own little mission and those who are on the watch for reading-aloud material would do well to hunt the book up. The tales have no particular literary qualities to recommend them; but they are almost sure to engage the attention of a fidgety invalid and are likely to linger in the mind of such for a much longer time than is taken in reading them.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS. By Luther Halsey Gulick, M.D., Director of Physical Training, New York Public Schools, and Leonard P. Ayres, General Superintendent of Schools of Porto Rico, 1906-1908. Price, \$1.00 postpaid. Charities Publication Committee, New York.

This is the second work published by the Charities Committee acting for the Russell Sage Foundation. Medical inspection of school children and the kindred subjects that go with it, the introduction of the school nurse, the care of the teeth and eyes, and the treatment of minor ills are here reviewed and the history of the movement throughout the world is presented and compared with the work done in our country along these lines. The legal aspect of the work is discussed and the question of controlling authorities, Boards of Health and Education debated.

To all who recognize the increasing importance of guarding the health of school children and the control of the children themselves, the book is a most important help, especially toward solving the problem of educating the future citizen in the short eight years usually allotted to this work.